Cosmetology students earn 1,500 hours of training which qualifies them to take the Maryland State Cosmetology Examination.

**Program Skills & Licensure:**
- Life skills, communication skills, and presentation of a professional image
- Related sciences including bacteriology, infection control, anatomy, physiology, chemistry, and electricity
- Hair properties, hair design, shampooing, haircutting, hair styling, braiding and extensions, wigs and hair enhancements, chemical texture services, and hair coloring
- Histology of the skin, hair removal, facials, and make-up
- Nail structure and growth, manicuring and pedicuring, advanced nail techniques, artificial nail application, and nail art
- Salon business skills for industry employment
- Lecture, demonstration, and continual practice is used throughout the program

**Program Requirements:**
- Students must purchase specialized supplies, a cosmetology book, workbook, and a uniform in the 9th grade course. These items will be used to complete the students’ education, prepare them to sit for the state exam, and work in the industry.
- Students must meet the minimum 1,500 hours of training established by the Maryland State Board of Cosmetology (which requires time outside of the regular school day).
- Seniors must complete 300 hours in a licensed salon under the direct supervision of a Licensed Senior Cosmetologist to complete the course requirements for licensure.
- Students sit for the licensure exam at the completion of the 1,500-hour program to become licensed in their senior year

*The Maryland State Board of Cosmetology is under the International Board of Cosmetology, which allows the licensed cosmetologist to practice in any state by transferring their license.*

**Internships:**
Students participate in a Work-Study Program in a licensed salon and under the direct supervision of a licensed senior cosmetologist for the last 300 hours of their program during 12th grade.